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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: PSSING THE HAT FOR EGYPT

REF: KINSHAS 1516

FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON

1. IN LIGHT REFTTEL, WE HAVE STOPPED FURTHER EFFORTS
GALVANIZE EGYPTIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED
GROUP MEETING.

2. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, USAMA AL-BAZ TOLD
AMBASSADOR YESTERDAY THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING
PRIMIN HAD ACCEPTED A RECOMMENDATION FROM SHAFEI
THAT PROPOSED EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC BRIEFINGS BE GIVEN
INDIVIDUALLY TO AMBASSADORS OF DONOR STATES RATHER
THAN AT COLLECTIVE AMBASSADORIAL MEETING. ALTHOUGH
AS PREVIOUS PERTINENT REPORTING INDICATES, SHAFEI HAS
BEEN BEARISH ON PROPOSED MEETING, HE AT NO TIME
INDICATED ANY SUCH COUNTERPROPOSAL TO US. AL-BAZ
PROFESSED NOT TO BE SURE OF HIS FACTS, BUT WANTED TO
CHECK WITH PRIMIN'S OFFICE AFTER LATTER'S RETURN
YESTERDAY AND LET US KNOW THIS MORNING. WHEN TALKING
WITH AL-BAZ TODAY, HE MADE NO MENTION OF SUBJECT AND
WE ALSO DID NOT RAISE IT. NOR HAS THE PRIMIN OR SHAFEI
MENTIONED ANYTHING TO US ABOUT IT TODAY. IF AL-BAZ'S
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REPORT IS CORRECT, EGYPTIANS MAY APPRISE US OF THEIR

PROCEDURAL PREFERENCE IN COURSE OF UPCOMING MEETING.

3. SEPTTEL WILL PROVIDE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS
PRESENTLY DEVELOPED. WE WILL ALSO ARRANGE
INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH THE GERMAN AND PERHAPS
IRANIAN AMBASSADORS. SAUDI AMBASSADOR IS IN RIYADH
AND NO NEW JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HAS AS YET BEEN
APPOINTED.
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